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(54) HIGH SPEED FILTER AND METHOD OF WASHING FILTER MEDIUM USED THEREFOR

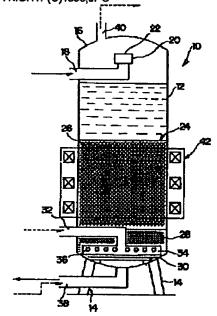
(57) Abstract:

PURPOSE: To wash a fibrous filter medium with high accuracy by installing a filter medium bed densely packed with the fibrous filter medium in the Intermediate part of a device main body and installing ultrasonic oscillating means in the prescribed outer periphery part of the device main body corresponding to the outer periphery part of the filter medium bed.

CONSTITUTION: In the prescribed outer periphery part of a device main body 12 corresponding to the outer periphery part of filter medium bed 24, plural ultrasonic oscillators 42 are arranged. When ultrasonic waves are oscillated, the soil stuck on the surface or the like of a fibrous filter medium 26 of the filter medium bed 24 is removed from the fibrous filter medium 26. Then, a compressor is driven to feed air into an air diffusing pipe 34 from an air feed pipe 32 and be jetted to the lower part of the device body 12. As a result, the fibrous filter medium 26 having small specific gravity is agitated with a water current generated by the air, and it is continuously subjected to ultrasonic washing while it is agitated. After that, backward washing water is fed to the lower part of the device

body 12 from a drain/backward washing water feed pipe 38. Besides, even at this time, the ultrasonic waves are oscillated.

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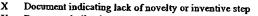
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